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COLOSSAL LOSS AT RANA PLAZA

1,135

Dead

1,800

Injured

98

Missing



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ONE YEAR ON RANA PLAZA TRAGEDY

Promises not kept, mostly

States third monitoring report of CPD; tragedy-struck families live on in uncertainty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Families of the injured and dead in the Rana Plaza building collapse are leading a life of uncertainty as the government, garment factory owners and international brands have failed to honour their commitments.

A wide gap exists between the commitments made when the building caved in at Savar and the delivery of those promises even today, when the country and many international organisations observe the tragedy's first anniversary.

"Despite various initiatives at national and international levels, the victims and their families are still in a vulnerable state," said the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) in its third monitoring report since the disaster occurred.

"With the passing of the first year, the need to fulfil those commitments has



The Daily Star Online takes a look into the Rana Plaza tragedy and the garment sector. Visit <http://thedailystar.net/rana-plaza> or scan the QR code



William Hanna, ambassador of EU delegation, and Denmark's envoy Hanne Fugl Eskjaer looking at a photo taken by The Daily Star's Rashed Shumon during an exhibition titled "Aftermath: Rana Plaza" in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: COURTESY

Transparency highest

Says PMO on relief, welfare fund

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) yesterday denied The Daily Star reporter access to a press conference held at the PMO without explaining any reason. The Daily Star, however, carries the report based on information obtained from secondary sources.

STAR REPORT

The Relief and Welfare Fund of the Prime Minister operates with the highest transparency and accountability, said Mahbubul Hoque Shakil, the prime minister's special assistant yesterday.

Addressing a press conference at the PMO, he said negative campaign against Bangladesh's garment industry would not bring any benefit to the workers, rather it would take a toll on Bangladesh's economy with the closure of many factories. Its workers would become the worst victims, he said.

He also warned that anyone found

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Over Tk 23cr spent so far

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has so far spent Tk 23.55 crore for the victims of Rana Plaza collapse from the prime minister's relief fund since the worst-ever industrial tragedy of the country occurred exactly a year ago.

Labour Secretary Mikail Shipar revealed this at an event in the capital yesterday, adding that each of the families of 962 workers, who died in the tragedy, received financial assistance ranging between Tk 1 lakh and Tk 5 lakh from the fund.

"We admit that this compensation is far less than they require," he said while speaking at the event organised by the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) to publish a report titled "One Year after the Rana Plaza Tragedy: Where Do We Stand? the Victims, the Sector and the Value Chain" at Brac Centre Inn.

In the programme, Shipar raised the

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Probe at final stage

NEWS ANALYSIS

Report on building owner's graft soon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One year has passed since the Rana Plaza collapsed killing 1,135 people but the Anti-Corruption Commission has not yet completed its investigation into corruption allegations against the building owner, Sohel Rana.

The ACC investigation is at the final stage and a report will be submitted soon, ACC Secretary Faizur Rahman Chowdhury told journalist at a press briefing at the office of



Sohel Rana

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Tragedy, forever

INAM AHMED

It will remain with us for ages to come and fester like some mysterious disease to remind us of our shameful lust, greed, nonchalance and brutality with which we treated our key export earners.

Those of us who covered the tragedy of Rana Plaza a year ago will never forget the screams of the workers stuck inside that hunk of a collapsed building.

The images are so raw and vivid -- the concrete slabs

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Light gone out of his life suddenly

SOHEL PARVEZ

On the morning of April 24 last year, his father bought him some snacks and his mother gave him some money to buy his tiffin, before they said goodbye and left for work.

As fate would have it, it would be their final goodbye, but he did not know it then.

Shuvo Islam Bijoy, now seven, went to school a happy boy, wishfully thinking his parents would not be late coming



Shuvo Islam Bijoy

home that evening like they often were.

But they did not come at all - both of them died in the Rana Plaza collapse on that fateful day. His parents, both garment workers at the building, are among the at least 1,135 people killed in the tragedy.

The body of his mother, Selina Akter, arrived home two days later but the body of his father, Shahadat Hossain Selim, never did. He

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Newspaper industry faces new crisis

Vested quarters lobbying hard to make 'test' must on imported newsprint

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Intense lobbying by an influential quarter to make the BSTI test of imported newsprint mandatory has put the newspaper and publishing industries into a deep trouble.

Although the issue is not linked with public health, the quarter is pushing the commerce ministry to incorporate this

import policy.


However, given the fact that the newsprint import is maintained here as it is done everywhere else, this unnecessary policy would shoot up the import cost and cause delay in getting consignments out of the port.

A number of importers said it took four days to offload papers in Chittagong port

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